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Programme

Virtual Interactive Dialogue: “International Law Commission, its importance and projection into the Future”

Tuesday, November 2 – 08:30 -09:45 AM (EDT)

Event co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Chile, the Czech Republic, New Zealand, Sierra Leone and Thailand

Connection details and link:

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08:30-08:35: Opening remarks by Ambassador Alhaji Fanday Turay, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone

08:35-09:10: **Presentations of Panelists**, moderated by Ambassador Milenko Skoknic, Permanent Representative of Chile

Prof. Claudio Grossman, Member of the ILC and Candidate of Chile, co-nominated by Sierra Leone for re-election to the ILC.

Prof. Charles C. Jalloh, Member of the ILC and Candidate of Sierra Leone, co-nominated by Chile and New Zealand for re-election to the ILC.

Dr. Vilawan Mangklatanakul, Candidate of Thailand for election to the ILC.

Dr. Penelope Ridings, Candidate of New Zealand for election to the ILC, co-nominated by Australia, Canada, and Sierra Leone for election to the ILC.

Prof. Pavel Šturma, Member of the ILC and Candidate of the Czech Republic for re-election to the ILC.

09:10-09:45: Open debate and Q&A

For registration and to pose questions or comments, please RSVP [here](#)

“International Law Commission, its importance and projection into the Future”

The International Law Commission enters its 8th decade of functioning in the coming years, while States and International Law needs to respond to new challenges and new requirements from societies increasingly interlinked thanks to instantaneous communication and decentralized exchange of information.

Since the inception of the ILC the world has changed, and relevant actors and proponents of International Law multiplied. Specialized International Organizations, informal initiatives among States and Civil Society interact with the traditional actors, contributing to both the development and fragmentation of International Law and the emergence of soft law instruments as a form of regulation on diverse global issues. Although State practice and international jurisprudence remain key sources for the work of ILC in many relevant topics of international law, a vibrant legal community pushes States and Courts to action.

Gender, migration, a key concern for environment protection and climate action, deeper implementation of human rights, involvement of local communities and traditional knowledge, although far from been new phenomena, may be some of the driving forces in the definition of priorities and content of legal initiatives in the context of progressive development of international law.

How should the International Law Commission adapt itself to a changing world? What are the topics that the ILC should address in the coming decade? What are the interactions to be improved in the work of the ILC? How can the States contribute to the improvement of ILC's methods and what actions may the 6th Committee (and capitals) take to renew its interactions with the ILC?

All those questions remain open and the panelists will be invited to express their views on them and others that the audience may formulate.

Panelists



Claudio Grossman is Professor of Law, Dean Emeritus, and the Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law at American University Washington College of Law (WCL). Prof. Grossman is member of the United Nations International Law Commission (2017-2021), including Chair of the Drafting Committee (2019). In 2019 he was also elected to *L'Institut de Droit International* (Institute of International Law), and appointed to its 12th Commission on Epidemics and International Law. Since 2014, Prof. Grossman has been the President of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights.



Dr. Charles C. Jalloh is a Professor of International Law at Florida International University (FIU) and founding editor of the African Journal of Legal Studies and the African Journal of International Criminal Justice. As a member of the International Law Commission (ILC) he was Chair of the Drafting Committee (70th session) and General Rapporteur (71st session). He has also contributed two new topics for the ILC's long-term program of work in 2018 and in 2021, as well as advanced other proposals to increase transparency and efficiency in the ILC working methods.

Professor Jalloh has published extensively in international law including 13 (co)authored and (co)edited books and 70 articles, book chapters and essays in top peer-reviewed and other journals.



Dr. Vilawan Mangklatanakul, Director-General of the Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, is a career diplomat with over 25 years of experience. She has built her expertise in important areas of international law, including diplomatic and State immunities, treaty law, intellectual property and international economic law. Dr. Vilawan is nominated by the Royal Thai Government as a candidate for the International Law Commission (ILC) for the term 2023 – 2027, becoming Thailand's first woman candidate to this prestigious position.



Dr Penelope Ridings is New Zealand's candidate for the International Law Commission for election in 2021 and an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. She was formerly New Zealand's Chief International Legal Adviser and is currently an international lawyer and arbitrator. She practices and researches in the field of public international law including law of the sea, international fisheries, environment, and international trade and investment.



Professor Pavel Šturma currently holds Chair of Public International Law at the Charles University Law School in Prague and is a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. He has been an active member of the ILC since 2011 and, following his re-election in 2016, as the Special Rapporteur for the topic "Succession of States in respect of State Responsibility" he has made a substantive contribution to the ILC's outcomes. He has also chaired the ILC recently and through the difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemics.